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### **SUNNYSIDE GARDENS**

Are located on both sides of Harvard Street Extension, and No. 3 Sawin Street (residence). Take North Avenue, at North Main Street, and turn left into Sawin Street. Visitors are welcome any day in the week. I grow more than 500 varieties of the best modern kinds, including a great many of the recent novelties of merit, and several thousand seedlings of my own raising.

**IMPORTANT**—Make Post Office orders and checks payable to SUNNYSIDE GARDENS.

### **POSTAGE**

Postage will be paid on all orders amounting to \$2.00 or more. Orders for less than \$1.00 are not accepted. 10% discount allowed on orders amounting to \$25 or more, except varieties priced **Net**. We begin shipping the middle of July and up to the first of September. To Southern States and the West Coast until late October.

### **SUBSTITUTES**

Late orders should include a list of substitutes in case some varieties are sold out. Otherwise your money will be returned for varieties out of stock.

### **SHIPPING**

None but fully matured and blooming-size roots, properly dried out before packing, are sent out. Fresh dug roots, packed too soon after digging, are liable to sweat in transit, if the weather is hot, especially if they are packed in a tightly-closed box with no ventilation. The rhizome then becomes soft, followed by rot, soon after planting. (Holes are always punched in the box to give free circulation of air). Always examine the rhizomes soon as received, and if they are not firm and hard return at once to the dealer you purchased them from.

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### **JOIN THE AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY**

You will receive four Bulletins each year, chock full of Iris interest, all for \$3.00. Send your remittance to B. Y. Morrison, 821 Washington Loan and Trust Co. Building, Washington, D. C.

### **DYKES MEMORIAL MEDAL**

The judges of the American Iris Society awarded the Dykes Memorial Medal to L. Merton Gage, for his Iris, Rosy Wings, as the most meritorious American Iris of 1939. This medal is presented by the Iris Society (British), yearly.

### **BRONZE MEDAL**

The Bronze Medal of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society was presented to L. Merton Gage, for his Sunnyside Gardens Collection of Irises, in Boston, June 8th, 1932.

### **CULTURAL DIRECTIONS**

Tall bearded Iris should never be planted in a location where water settles, and the melting snows of late winter form a coating of ice over the beds. If your garden is in a low place, build up the beds six or eight inches, and be sure that the drainage is adequate to allow water to go down through the soil freely.

Do not plant too deep, but so that the rhizome is just below the surface. Spread out the roots and water the hole. Then draw the earth around the rhizome and firm well, and do not water again unless there is a continued dry spell.

If the soil is heavy and drainage is poor, white (coal) ashes will lighten it, and the clinkers may be placed in the bottom of the bed, about 18 inches down for drainage. Do not use the red ashes if white are obtainable. There is a lime element in the white ashes that is absent in the red, and this seems to be just the right chemical compound that is beneficial to many plants, Irises in particular. Use freely. Well-rotted manure may be safely used, if it does not come in contact with the rhizomes.

There is no fixed rule as to how often Irises should be divided. Varieties that increase rapidly should be divided and reset every third year, some perhaps every second year, but Irises that increase slowly will sometimes do well for five years without being disturbed.

Irises do not bloom well in too shady a location, as they require plenty of sunshine. A southern exposure is best, and do not plant them on the north or west side of a building. When replanting an old bed add a good portion of fresh soil taken from some place in the garden where irises have not grown before. Late planted irises sometimes do not have time to grow good anchorage roots to protect them against spring heaving caused by



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alternate thawing and freezing, and it is advisable to mound up these plants at the time of planting as is done by hilling up potatoes, or, at least, before the ground freezes. Mulching or covering with boxes is also a good way to give them protection against heaving, but if boxes are used, put a stone or brick under one side to give them ventilation.

### **BORERS AND ROOT ROT**

Borers and root rot seem to be the important things that one has to contend with. I find that eternal vigilance will keep them both in check. Watch the foliage, beginning the first of July, or earlier in some sections, and where you see a leaf that looks slimy or the edges notched, look out for borers, and get an old glove and squeeze the leaf up and down between thumb and finger.

To check root rot, cut out rotted part and rub wound with Calogreen.

If you raise seeds of Iris, you will know that the flowers have to be bagged soon after pollinating, to prevent the verbenia fly from stinging their eggs into the new-forming seed pod, where they hatch out little larvae (Maggots), that eat up all of the young seeds. The scars on the pods where they have been stung are plainly discernible, when fully developed, and if scraped with a sharp pen knife and a little Calogreen rubbed into the wound, that will be the finish of Mr. Maggot. It is said that Calogreen is also effective for preventing rot, but for treating seed pods I believe ordinary calomel would be just as effective. This treatment does away with bagging.

# TALL BEARDED IRIS

## Sunnyside Gardens' Introductions

FOR 1940

**ARETHUSA** (a nymph; in Greek mythology)—  
(Gage, 1940), parentage lost. A Daphne Red  
self with very large flowers of nice form. Gold-  
en bronze haft with inconspicuous bronze beard.  
Fair substance, and excellent branching on 42-  
inch stalks. Midseason. H. M., A. I. S., 1937,  
\$25.00

**CANALETTO**—(A Venecian painter). (Gage,  
1940), (Ashtoreth × Gloriole). The standards  
are a blend of Mauve and Gray. Falls are Hys-  
sop Violet. The haft soft yellow with light  
brown reticulations. Straight hanging falls and  
orange beard. Early to midseason; 33-inch,  
\$5.00

**CHESTNUT HILL**—(Gage, 1940). (Cream col-  
ored seedling × Spartacus). A deep yellow  
self; the largest yellow Iris I have seen. There  
are four monster flowers of splendid form open  
at one time. Very heavy substance and excel-  
lent branching. Fragrant, and a good increaser;  
45 inches tall; early to midseason .....\$10.00

**ETHELYN KLEITZ**—(Gage, 1940), (Chief Sidar  
× Red Bonnet). Almost a self. The standards  
are light Corinthian Red. Falls are Hydrangia  
Red. Decidedly a pink-toned red. Fine formed  
flowers of splendid substance, with a deep yel-  
low beard. Good branching and smooth texture.  
Early; slightly fragrant. Height 35 inches. H.  
M., 1938 .....\$15.00

**FRANCES DOUGLAS**—(Gage, 1940), (Allumeuse  
× Silvanus). A fine blend of great substance  
and noble carriage. The standards are a rich  
blending of golden tan and lavender-blue (deep  
Vinaceous Lavender), and the wide flaring falls  
are of Petunia Violet, widely edged with golden  
amber. The beard is pale Lemon Yellow. The  
many flowers are carried on a well-branch 32-  
inch stalk. Pronounced by judges as the most  
outstanding of my large planting of fine blends.  
Midseason .....\$15.00

**HAZEL GALLAGHER**—(Gage, 1940), (Cristabel  
× Red Bonnet). There are seven color tones  
in this amazing blend, very hard to describe



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accurately. The standards are Ageratum Violet to pale Vinaceous Lilac, with the haft a blend of gold and bronze. The falls at the haft are like the standards, blending to Dark Hyssop Violet to Petunia Violet to Pansy Violet, with a light brown border around the edges. The flowers are very large and of nice form with slightly flaring falls. Good branching; midseason; 36 inches tall .....\$10.00

**HYLEPHILA**—(Gage, 1940). (A brown butterfly). Standards blending of Purplish Lilac, light yellow and brown. Falls Vinaceous Purple flushed brown with a wide brown border. A Lavender-Violet line extends from tip of orange beard through center of petals. Excellent substance, smooth texture. Free flowering and fragrant. Midseason, 36 inches tall. Large flowers..\$5.00

**TYRIAN BEAUTY**—(Gage, 1940), (Lady Marion × Rosy Wings). A Vinaceous Purple self (light to reddish purple). Good-sized flowers of nice form, with very heavy substance and smooth finish. Greatly admired by all. Slightly fragrant; height 32 to 35 inches. Midseason.\$10.00

### **FROM E. G. LAPHAM**

**BELLE COVERT**—(Lapham-Gage, 1940), (Spring Maid × Lyndon). Standards Light Vinaceous Fawn Flushed Lilac. Falls Daphne Pink, gold medial line and edging; brown reticulation; heavy, deep yellow beard. Domed standards, well rounded; semi-flaring falls. Excellent substance and resistance. Three branches, ten blooms; tall stalks; vigorous grower and rapid increaser .....\$10.00

**BO PEEP**—(Lapham--Gage, 1940); pedigree on request. Orchid Pink, with upper part of falls Cream Color; no reticulations. Quite a bit of cream at base of standards. Pale Yellow beard. Tall and well-branched, wiry stalks. Strong grower and very free blooming. Mild fragrance. Midseason .....\$5.00

**ELIZABETH ANN**—(Lapham-Gage, 1940). Pedigree on request. A blending of pink shades with cream color, resulting in a smooth self of definite real Pink effect. Strong and very well branched; up to 11 blooms. Tall, free flowering plant. Large blooms of good substance with domed standards and broad and well-rounded falls. On account of its vigorous and rapid increase we are able to offer it at the moderate price here listed, and this price will positively be maintained in 1941. Midseason to late.\$10.00

**PINK VISTA**—(Lapham-Gage, 1940). Pedigree on request. Tall, well-branched, robust growth. A good-sized bloom of good form and excellent substance and resistance. A Salfrano Pink self, with light yellow beard, very slightly reticulated. Mild fragrance. Midseason .....\$5.00

# A Select List of Choice Irises

## INCLUDING

## Recent Introductions

- ALICE HARDING**—(Cayeux). A soft yellow of Princess Beatrice form. A. M., A. I. S., 1937. 75c
- ALLUMEUSE**—(Gage, 1938). This is the most gorgeous colored iris I have ever selected from my seed beds of many thousands. Its one fault is poor branching, but its glittering and brilliant color blending is so striking that this fault is overlooked when one sees the beauty of the flower itself. The standards are Wisteria Violet (bluish) yellow at the base. The falls are semi-flaring, a blending of Pansy Violet (reddish) and Raisin Purple (reddish) with a golden orange beard. The substance is extra heavy with velvety texture. Large flowers of excellent form and free blooming. Strong grower and medium increaser. Midseason. 45 inches. H. M., A. I. S., 1938. Net.....\$5.00
- AMIGO**—(Wmsn., 1934). A very rich neglecta, suggesting a blue-purple pansy. Light Lavender Violet to Deep Hyacinth Violet. Narrow, white margin. H. M., A. I. S., 1936.....\$1.50
- APRICOT GLOW**—(Wiesner, 1937). A flower of soft Apricot tone. A profuse bloomer and prodigious increaser. Em. 30-inch .....60c
- BEOTIE**—(Cayeux, 1932). An exceedingly lustrous flower of metallic elephant grey faintly blended French blue. Blooms are large and finely formed. Ml. 36 inches .....50c
- BEVERLY**—(Gage-Lapham, 1939). A free flowering garden type, strong grower. Blooms of good size with closed standards and broad, well rounded flowers. Fair substance and resistance. The color which is unusual and distinctive is PURPLISH VINACEOUS, a decidedly pink effect of self-coloring edged and flushed with golden brown. Heavy yellow beard, slight golded reticulations. Styles light yellow, shaded Purplish Vinaceous. Fair branching, mildly fragrant. 32 inches. Late. Net .....\$7.50
- BLUE JUNE**—(Donahue), (Gage, 1934). A bluish lavender self. A Sensation seedling of Santa Barbara type; fragrant. H. M., A. I. S., 1933. A. M., R. H. S., 1939.....50c
- BRUNHILDE**—(Salb., 1934). Tall, dark blue violet self. H. M., A. I. S., 1936; A. M., 1937  
\$1.00
- CASENKA**—(Storer, 1931). Enormous flowers rich red-purple. 32 inches .....1.00

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- CHEERIO**—(Ayres, 1934). S. dull gold with bright red flush F. a glowing velvety red; 40 inches. A. M., A. I. S., 1938. A. M., R. H. M., 1939 .....50c
- CHIEF SIDAR**—(Gage, 1938). From the same cross as ROSY WINGS, and similar to DAUNTLESS, one of its parents, but more rosy than red, and much freer blooming. Introduced in 1938, and overlooked in making up my 1939 catalog. A very fine garden variety.....\$2.00
- CHRISTABEL**—(Lapham - Gage, 1936). Fine shaped flowers with domed standards and flaring falls. Fine branching and up to 9 large blooms to the stalk. Heavy substance, and resistant to heat and storms. S. Dark Vinaceous (reddish) F. Acajou Red overlaid with Blackish Purple. A brilliant red effect. A. M., 1938; H. M., A. I. S., 1936, rating 91. 40 inches...\$3.50
- COPPER PIECE**—(Kellogg, 1936). This jaunty iris of vivid coloring proudly carries copper epaulets on each shoulder. Below the haft this rich copper note blends to red and heliotrope with a blaze of metallic blue near the center of the fall. Standards are coppery red. H. M., A. I. S., 1936. 34 inches .....\$3.00
- CORALIE**—(Ayres, 1932). Standards pale red, flushed mauve; falls wine red; golden beard. H. M., A. I. S., Dykes Medal, 1933.....50c
- CORONET**—(D. Hall, 1938)—A soft, golden-tan with a delicate underlay of rose-beige. Very much of a self. A seedling of Jean Cayeux and about the size of its parent. The blooms are well rounded and of lustrous finish. Medium stalk, nicely branched. 34 inches .....\$15.00
- CREOLE BELLE**—(Nich., 1934). Satiny Bishops' Purple self with brown beard and wide band of brown across the haft. 38 inches. H. M., A. I. S. ....75c
- CRIMSON SUN**—(Gage-Lapham, 1939). Standards and falls rich crimson, the falls edged a lighter tone. Strong and very well branched stalk. Standards closed, broad and rather short. Falls broad and well rounded, flaring. Moderate yellow beard; heavy substance, mild fragrance. Very slight reticulation. 5 inch blooms. Midseason. 34 inches .....\$3.50
- CRYSTAL BEAUTY**—(J. Sass., 1935). A large, pure white. 40 inches. H. M., A. I. S., 1936.50c
- DAMERINE**—(An Indian chief), (Gage, 1939). A large dark red self with wide domed standards and wide flaring falls. Splendid substance and velvety texture; deep yellow beard. Very fragrant. Height 36 inches. Midseason...\$3.50
- DESERET**—(Thorup, 1936). S. clear rich yellow; F. a similar yellow brushed with clear, velvety red. H. M., A. I. S., 1937. 40 inches...75c
- DONA SOL**—(Cay., 1930). A bright rosy red purple, a brilliant work of color.....50c
- ECLADOR**—(Cay., 1932). A large, ruffled pure lemon yellow. Dykes Medal, 1932 .....75c
- EROS**—(Mead, 1934). A beautiful pink toned Iris with soft gold at the throat. A. M., A. I. S., 1936. 38 inches .....50c

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- EXCLUSIVE**—(Dr. Grant-Schreiner, 1937). A clear light blue with distinct silvery sheen. Large, clean-cut flowers of splendid substance. 40 inch. H. M., A. I. S., 1937. A. M., A. I. S., 1939 .....\$4.00
- FRANCESCA**—(Douglas, 1934). A tall, stately Iris of most unusual and beautiful coloring. A self of deep Pompeian Pink .....\$1.00
- FRANK ADAMS**—(Lapham-Gage, 1937). Very strong, well branch stalks four feet tall. Extra vigorous plant, tall, broad foliage. Large blooms, good substance and good resistance. Arched standards and fine shaped falls. Seven to nine blooms; mild fragrance. Standards Maize Yellow. Falls Vinaceous Purple. H. M., 1938. Net .....\$5.00
- GLORIOLE**—(Gage, 1933). A light blue self overlaid with a glistening, frosty sheen. "The flowers are exceedingly large, beautifully formed with slightly flaring falls and perfectly domed standards, the heavy substance, fine finish and texture of the flowers enable them to withstand wind, rain and heat. A wonderful flower of brilliant sheen and great beauty. The flower stalks are very tall and well branched, bearing many blooms, which last over a long period of time." H. M., A. I. S., 1933. A. M., A. I. S., 1935. Height 42 inches.....\$1.00
- GOLDEN HELMET**—(J. Sass, 1933). A brilliant variegata. S. a blend of yellow brown and gold. F. wide, deep, rich Ox-blood Red. 35 inches .....\$1.00
- GOLDEN LIGHT**—(H. Sass., 1933). Well named. Golden standards with a rosy edge. F. orange gold tinged with rose. Tall and fine. 38 inches. H. M., A. I. S., 1936 .....50c
- GOLD VELLUM**—(Gage, 1934). Large flowers with flaring falls. Standards Pale Chalcedony yellow. Falls Wax Yellow. Orange beard. Heavy substance, and smooth texture. 27 inches, 50c
- GRACE LAPHAM**—(Lapham-Gage, 1937). Strong, well branched stalks; frilled standards; almost round falls. Heavy substance. Seven to eleven 5-inch to 5½-inch blooms. Very fragrant. An absolute self, Rose pink fading to Cameo Pink. Early; 36 inches to 40 inches.....\$1.00
- INDIAN HILLS**—(Grant, 1937). A vigorous and prolific variety of extra large size; a rich, clear, lustrous purple self. White beard tipped rich orange. Distinctive fragrance. Splendidly branched. 36 inches. ....\$1.50
- ISHPANEE**—(Wash., 1935). S. Yellow. F. yellow with brilliant patch of red in center. Flaring. Well branched. 40 inches .....\$1.50
- ITASCA**—(Kleinsorge, 1934). A vivid deep amethyst self without veining. 30 to 36 in...\$1.00
- JASMANIA**—(Ayres, 1935). Tall, deep yellow of unusual hue. Large flowers jauntily poised on the stalk. The broad, semi-flaring falls are lightly touched pale blue on the haft with a slight touch of lavender blue in the center. 42 inches. H. M., A. I. S., 1936, A. M., 1937.\$5.00

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- JEAN CAYEUX**—(Cayeux): Beautiful blending of havana or coffee brown, with golden glint. 50c
- JEAN LAFITTE**—(Washington, 1935). Domed standards of coppery rose, broad and arched. Falls are broad and semi-flaring, of intense deep rose with copper undertone. Styles are yellow and bright yellow beard. Exceptionally wide and low branching. H. M., A. I. S., 1936. 39 inches .....\$1.50
- JELLOWAY**—(Parker, 1936). One of the deeper toned of the newer yellows. An Iris of good size, lovely oval form, and excellent branching. ML. 42 inches. H. M., A. I. S., 1937.....\$3.50
- JERRY**—(Lapham, 1934). This is one of the most brilliant red Irises that I have seen. 36 inches, 35c
- JOYCETTE**—(J. Sass, 1932). A remarkable Iris of rich Red tones. H. M., A. I. S., 1932, A. M., A. I. S., 1936 .....35c
- K. V. AYRES**—(Ayres, 1932). H. M., A. I. S. A beautiful blend of distinctive coloring. A pale coffee and lavender blend with a soft pink overglow .....50c
- LADY MARION**—(Gage, 1938). A rich Pansy Violet self, with bronzy brown haft and bronze beard. Large flowers of good substance. 41 inches .....\$1.00
- LEGEND**—(Ware, 1932). S. are bluish purple with a bronzy sheen. F. deep rich purple. 38 inches .....35c
- LILY PONS**—(Washington, 1934). Standards buff overcast with pink. Falls rose-pink with lighter edge. A prolific bloomer. H. M., A. I. S., 1936. 38 inches .....\$1.00
- MARCO POLO**—(Sch., 1936). A fine, clear toned red bicolor with lustrous standards of coppery rose and velvety crimson falls. M. 36 inches. H. M., A. I. S., 1937 .....\$1.50
- MARQUITA**—(Cay., 1931). A stunning novelty; very large flowers of creamy ivory whose falls are so thickly lined ruby red that the color appears solid to the ivory margin. C. M., France, 1931. A. M., A. I. S., 1936. 38 inches....60c
- MARY GEDDES**—(Wash., 1931). Salmon; F. overlaid with Pompeian Red. 40 inches....30c
- MAUD DEMING**—(Lapham-Gage, 1937). Strong, well branched 42-inch stalks. Seven to nine fresh, non-fading blooms. Standards Light Vinaceous Lilac (reddish). Falls, Schoenfeld's Purple (very reddish). Mild fragrance...\$2.00
- MICHELANGELO** — (National, 1936). Large flowers of dark vinaceous gray throughout. Effect, a dark dove gray. 43 inches. H. M., A. I. S., 1937 .....\$3.00
- MISSOURI**—(Grint., 1933). One of the exceptionally fine new Blue-Lavenders. 44 inches. H. M., A. I. S., 1933; A. M., A. I. S., 1935.\$1.00



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- MISSOURI NIGHT**—(Callis, 1938). A large, rich dark velvety blue. The flower is large and the falls flare, brilliant orange beard. The branching and placement good. Really indigo with a sheen. Grape hyacinth fragrance. Long, profuse and late bloomer. 30 inches high.....\$5.00
- MONOMOY**—(McKee-Gage, 1936). A large, very Deep Blue Violet with rich, velvety falls semi-flaring. Deep Blue beard. Hardy and profuse bloomer. H. M., A. I. S., 1934.....\$1.00
- MOROCCO ROSE**—(Loomis, 1937). The flower is large, almost 5½ inches long. The standards are a lustrous pale pink, flushed deeper pink with a soft yellow flush at the base. The falls are long and semi-flaring of deep Rosolane Pink. The garden effect is a glowing rich pink. H. M., 1937 .....\$6.00
- MOUNTAIN SNOW**—(Kell., 1937). A glistening white that carries, in its faint blueness, a memory of the night just past; a white, touched at the heart with the pearly pink tone of the coming sun. The broad S. are large and ruffled; the almost horizontal F. are broad both in haft and blade. The substance is excellent, one bloom lasting through four days of hot sun. 42 inches. H. M., A. I. S., 1936 .....\$6.00
- NARAIN**—(Shuber, 1936). A distinctive blue Iris of fine form and silken finish. 38 inches, \$1.60
- NARANJA**—(Mitchell, 1935). A large flower of definite orange tone. S. are bright Empire Yellow; F. orange at the haft with yellow markings in the center. Orange yellow beard. H. M., A. I. S., 1936; A. M., 1937. 44 inches.....\$2.00
- NATIVIDAD**—(M. M., 1932). Warm, creamy white of perfect substance and form .....50c
- NEOS**—(Sturtevant, 1937). An exquisite pink and yellow blend. The standards and falls have a clear yellow background flushed with pink. The apricot and yellow heart of the flower is glorified by the intense orange beard. 30 inches, \$2.00
- NO-WE-TA**—(H. Sass, 1932). A true pink self with yellow flushes in the center and on the edges of standards and falls. A pinker Midgard..35c
- ORMOHR**—(Klein, 1937). A William Mohr hybrid seedling with giant flowers of a uniform gray-lavender veined violet, having over all, a rosy glow .....\$8.00
- OSCEOLA**—(Wiesner, 1937). A sky blue self with a crepey, crinkly texture. 36 inches..50c
- OZONE**—(Jacob Sass, 1935). A beautiful mauve toned blend. Bluish violet self with pinkish sheen. Brown haft. White beard tipped orange. Large flowers on 36-inch branching stem..\$1.25
- PALE MOONLIGHT**—(Essig, 1930). Pale campanula-blue; orange beard; large. H. M., A. I. S., 1933. 47 inches .....50c
- PARTHENON**—(Con., 1934). A tall, cool white of excellent form and substance; golden beard. H. M., A. I. S., 1936. 40 inches.....50c



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- PRAIRIE ROSE**—(Egelberg, 1934). Larger and better substance than Wild Rose, and pinker than Rheingauperlé. 36 inches.....50c
- PURPLE GIANT**—(Gage, 1933). Enormous dark blue-purple flowers. 32 inches .....\$1.00
- RED BONNET**—(Gage, 1939). This is a dark red self. The flowers are large, of fine form with wide standards and falls. Standards are domed, closed, and the falls are flaring. Fair branching, smooth texture, fairly early and very fragrant. I had never seen a red iris that will compare with RED BONNET for purity of its red color. Probably the reddest iris in commerce today, and invaluable for breeding reds, its progeny showing variety of tones from crimson to near pink. Height 36 inches. H. M., A. I. S., 1939 .....\$3.50
- RED COMET**—(McKee-Gage, 1936). A large, deep coppery red with mahogany undertone. Fine form and good substance. Semi-flaring falls and gold beard. Good branching of 40-inch stalks. H. M., A. I. S., 1935 .....\$3.50
- RED GLEAM**—(Lapham, 1939). A very brilliant red Iris with fine, strong, well-branched stalk. There are nine large blooms of good substance and resistance. Standards brilliant red, and the falls are rich red, edged lighter red, with a black-purple lustre. The falls are flaring and broad. Standards arched. Yellow style branches. Height 36 inches; midseason. The above is Mr. Lapham's description. One judge remarked: "Here is a red Iris that does not need sunshine to make it look red." .....\$20.00
- RED RADIANCE**—(Grinter, 1932). A rich and glowing Red of unusual tone. 38 inches. H. M., A. I. S., 1932 .....35c
- ROBERT**—(Ayres-Emig, 1933). S. pale Amber, with a Tan overcast; F. same, with a pale Blue flush at the center. 36 inches .....50c
- ROSE DOMINION**—(Con., 1931). A beautiful old rose colored self; strong, well-branched stems; beard golden yellow. Large flowers; a splendid and vigorous Iris. H. M., A. I. S., 1932....30c
- ROSY GLOW**—(Emigholz, 1935). Ivory White, broadly edged and faintly stippled Violet Purple. Early midseason. 28 inches.....35c
- ROSY WINGS**—(Gage, 1935). A Dauntless seedling, practically of light brown effect, a blending of brown red and pink with a conspicuous orange beard. Stalk erect with three well balanced branches. Remarkable carrying quality for a blend. H. M., 1934, and A. M., 1936, awarded by the American Iris Society. Fragrant, height 40 inches; rating 90. Dykes Memorial Medal, The Iris Society (British), 1939, \$2.50
- SANDALWOOD**—(H. P. Sass, 1937), (6-34). S. Vinaceous Fawn. Falls army brown. Good-sized flowers of fine shape and substance. 34 inches .....\$3.50

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- SANDIA**—(Wmsn., 1934). A bright and clean deep pink blend. Free flowering. 39 inches. 60c
- SAN FRANCISCO**—(Mohr-Mich., 1927). Large white flowers, edged lavender. 44 inches... 35c
- SHAH JEHAN**—(Neel, 1932). A glorious Iris of rich Oriental coloring. S. buff suffused gray fading to yellow. F. plum red, reddish brown flush at haft. Lavender buff margin. Very late. Bronze Medal, England, 1933; A. M., A. I. S., 1937. A. M., R. H. M., 1938. 38 inches... 50c
- SIERRA BLUE**—(Essig, 1932). An exceptionally smooth, refined flower of very clear soft blue, with good substance. 50 inches. H. M., A. I. S., 1933. Dykes Medal, 1935..... 60c
- SILVANUS**—(Gage, 1936). Standards Old Gold at base blending to Saccardo's Violet. Falls Saccardo's Violet with soft brown venations; narrow edging of brown all around the lower segments; late. 37 inches. Net ..... \$2.50
- SIR KNIGHT**—(Ashley, 1933). A large tall deep blue self of splendid form and carriage... \$1.00
- SIR LAUNCELOT**—(J. Sass, 1935). S., haze. Falls claret brown. Golden haft; orange beard. A rich, gold brown Iris. 30-32 inches. H. M., 1937 ..... 75c
- SNOWKING**—(H. P. Sass). A new large white, the flowers well balanced on tall branching stems ..... \$3.00
- SORDELLO**—(Gage, 1938). A smooth Deep Olive Buff self with a Pinkish overtone. Medium size flowers of good substance. Well branched plant and free flowering. Increases rapidly. Slightly fragrant. Late. 34 inches ..... \$5.00
- SPARTACUS**—(Gage, 1936). Standards Old Gold; Falls Violet Carmine, Brown venations; Golden Orange beard. Late. 34 inches... \$1.50
- SPOKAN**—(J. Sass, 1933). "The most brilliant of the Red-Browns." The falls have a Black-Brown overlay on Oxblood Red. Beard bright Orange. 36 inches. H. M., A. I. S., 1936..... 50c
- SUMMER TAN**—(Kirkland, 1935). This is an unusual Golden Tan blend. Its color is suggested by its name. S. light Golden Tan. F. slightly darker, flushed Olive ..... 75c
- SUNOL**—(M. M., 1933). S. are deep yellow and domed; F. of same tone with iridescent lavender flush in center of each fall; Rich orange beard. A flower of exceptionally smooth finish and texture. 37 inches ..... 35c
- TARASCA**—(Gage, 1936). Standards Dark Brown; Falls Violet Carmine. Golden Orange beard. Blooms over a long period. 33 to 36 inches tall ..... 35c
- THE BLACK DOUGLAS**—(J. Sass, 1934). S. dark violet. F. blackish violet. Blue beard tipped yellow. A fine dark colored Iris. Branching stem 36 inches tall ..... 50c
- THE BISHOP**—(Washington, 1937). A smoothly finished flower of intense Bishop's purple. The standards are large and well domed, the large falls are slightly flaring. the styles are purple; deep yellow beard. Well branched. 38 inches. \$4.00

## SUNNYSIDE GARDENS, NATICK, MASS.

- THELMA JEAN**—(Albert E. Peck, 1939). Here is a most distinctive color in irises; a rich Petunia-Violet self. Very large flowers with heavy substance, resistant to rain, wind and torrid sun, the flowers remaining fresh for four days after the buds open. Fair branching and smooth texture. A strong grower. Standards erect, cupped; falls hanging, drooping. Very early blooming; orange beard. H. M., A. I. S., 1939. Height 34 inches .....\$10.00
- UKIAH**—(Essig, 1934). Rich red and brown tones. Rich, velvety falls. Beard old gold. H. M., A. I. S., 1935 .....60c
- WAR EAGLE**—(Jacob Sass, 1933. S. Vinaceous Purple. F. blackish red purple fading to pansy purple (reddish). Bloom measures 7 inches in height. Stems 36 to 40 inches tall; well branched .....\$1.00
- WASATCH**—(Thorup, 1935). Probably the largest plicata to date. A huge, glistening white, evenly marked with clear blue. 40 inches. H. M., A. I. S., 1936 .....\$1.00
- ZUNI**—(Ayres, 1930). A superb red-brown Iris, touched with copper; standards seem sprinkled with gold dust; excellent. 40 inches.....30c

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- ABELARD**—S. Deep Livid Brown; F. Veronia Purple; 26 inches. H. M., 1936
- AIRY DREAM**—(Stuart, 1932). Clear, cool orchid pink
- ALABASTER**—White
- ALCINA**—Yellow S. and bluish F., 32 inches
- ALLURE**—Canary yellow, overlaid with pink-lavender
- AMBROSIA**—Satiny whitish pink
- ANDELIA**—Plicata, fine fragrance
- ASIA**—Lavender and Red-Purple
- AUTUMN ELF**—(Brown, 1931). S. olive-cream, F. are lavender. Fall blooming
- BALDWIN**—Manganese Violet self
- BALLERINE**—S. violet; F. deeper
- BEAU SABREUR**—A yellow and ox-blood variegata.
- BLACK WINGS**—(Kirk). The blackest Iris; Dominion form; very velvety deep blue purple
- BLUE BANNER**—Light Blue, purple center
- BLUE HILL**—Slightly deeper tone than Sensation
- BLUE VELVET**—A clear, velvety dark blue. 42 inches
- BOONIE BLUE**—Blue-Lavender
- BRUNO**—Bronze and Reddish Purple
- BUECHLEY GIANT**—Largest and best formed large Iris yet produced; beautiful light blue

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- CHALLENGER**—Dark Purple and dark blackish violet  
**CHROMYLLA**—Uniform chrome yellow. A. M., A. I. S., 1932  
**CINNABAR**—Violet-Purple  
**CLARA NOYES**—Blend of yellow, orange and apricot. H. M., A. I. S., 1932  
**CORONATION**—Rich, deep golden yellow; nearly four feet tall  
**DAUNTLESS**—Red; Dykes Medalist  
**DEPUTE NOMBLOT**—Two shades of purple. Deep orange beard. 43 inches  
**DESERT GOLD**—One of the largest yellows. 30 inches. H. M., 1931  
**DOROTHY DIETZ**—S. light chicory blue, F. pansy violet. 36 inches  
**DOLLY MADISON**—Lilac Flushed Blue  
**DUKE OF BEDFORD**—Rich, Deep Purple  
**ECLAT**—Wax yellow overlaid with pink. Bright orange beard; free blooming. 36-38 inches  
**ELEANOR ROOSEVELT**—Deep reddish violet. Fall bloomer. A. M., 1937  
**ELIZABETH EGELBERG**—Mauve flushed pink. Orange beard. 48 inches  
**ELOISE LAPHAM**—Milk white flushed pink. Falls heavily shaded pink  
**ELSINORE**—Rich Yellow-Purple blend  
**ESTEREL**—A soft, deep pink  
**ETHELWYN DUBUAR**—The largest of the pinks. 36 inches  
**FASCINATION**—Clear, bright rose pink  
**FRIEDA MOHR**—Pink and Lilac blend  
**GAY HUSSAR**—Lemon Chrome, Ox-blood Red  
**GERMAINE PERTHUIS**—Violet and Purple.  
**GILEAD**—Golden toned, of deep buff  
**GOLD STREAM**—Lovely, soft yellow. Bright orange beard  
**HERMENE**—Tall, satiny, deep pink blend with golden center.  
**HERMITAGE**—A red blend of rosy tan and crimson. 36 inches  
**HERNANI**—Fine French Red  
**JEANETTE MAY KENNEDY**—S. finely ruffled pink; F. velvey red  
**KING JUBA**—Large flowered gold and maroon variegata. H. M., A. I. S., 1932  
**KING MIDAS**—(Mead, 1928). Golden buff and garnet-brown. Golden orange beard. Very fine. 28 inches  
**KOCHII**—Native Italian intermediate, deep purple  
**KLAMATH**—Hyssop violet, prune purple  
**LADY GAGE**—Best of the low-priced garden whites  
**LARGO**—Blending of yellow shades, brown and mauve. 36 inches  
**LINDBERGH**—S. light violet; F. deep pansy violet  
**LOUIS BEL**—A Black-Purple self  
**LODESTAR**—S. lemon chrome. F. velvety claret brown  
**LOS ANGELES**—Giant white flowers, edged pale blue  
**MAGENTA**—A nice magenta self

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- MARY BARNETT**—Light Bluish Lavender  
**MELCHIOR**—S. bronzy violet; F. rich crimson-purple. Golden beard  
**MIDGARD**—A beautiful blend of Pink and Yellow  
**MORNING GLORY**—A better and larger Morning Splendor  
**MOUNT ROYAL**—Deep Pansy Violet. EXTRA  
**NANOOK**—Creamy white  
**NORMA GAGE**—A lovely little pink and white intermediate  
**NUMA ROUMESTAN**—A smaller, but redder Dauntless  
**NYMPH**—Empire Yellow. Fine intermediate  
**OLD GOLD**—Yellow, Old Gold and Buff  
**PAULETTE**—Light blue, mammoth flowers  
**PEACHES**—Large flowers of peach, apricot and orange tones. 36 inches  
**PHEBUS**—Primrose yellow; splendid; tall  
**PICADOR**—Large, fine variegata  
**PINK SATIN**—Almost a true pink. 40 inches  
**PRES. PILKINGTON**—Blend of buff and lavender blue  
**PLUIE D'OR**—Deep chrome to cadmium yellow.  
**RAMESES**—Beautiful blending of gold, pink and apricot. Dykes Medalist  
**REALM**—A pure Blue self  
**RED DOMINION**—(Ayres). Velvety blood red of perfect form; midseason; tall  
**RED ORCHID**—A beautiful Violet Carmine intermediate; yellow beard. 28 inches  
**RHEINGAUERLE**—Dainty orchid pink  
**SELENE**—Very large, silvery white. Heavy texture. 40 inches  
**SENLAC**—Almost a claret red self. A very large Dominion. 40 inches  
**SENSATION**—A beautiful, clear blue self.  
**SERENITE**—Bug, lavender blue and gold  
**SHASTA**—A very large snow-white  
**SHIAWASSEE**—Light violet, velvety dark red-purple  
**SIR MICHAEL**—S. Lavender blue; F. rich, deep purple  
**S. DE L. MICHAUD**—Enormous Sky Blue  
**SOUTHLAND**—Intermediate and fall bloomer. Color Lemon Chrome. 24 inches. A. M., A. I. S., 1939  
**SPRING MAID**—A beautiful warm, creamy pink  
**TALISMAN**—An exquisite blend of yellow and rose pink  
**TENAYA**—Velvety dark red-purple  
**THURATUS**—A large, black purple self  
**TROSTRINGER**—Large delicate Rose self  
**TRUE CHARM**—White with the margins Lavender  
**TUSCANY GOLD**—A reddish gold blend  
**VAN CLEVE**—Rich violet-purple. A near self  
**VALOR**—Deep violet-blue. A. M., 1936  
**VENUS DE MILO**—Tall, white. A. M., 1935  
**WACONDA**—A dahlia purple self  
**WHITE AND GOLD**—White, Gold Beard  
**YVES LASSAILLY**—S. white, F. bluish, distinct  
**YVONNE PELLETIER**—Pale blue; tall  
**ZAHAROON**—Blend of fawn, violet and rose



## IRIS SIBIRICA

These dainty and fairy-like Irises are very hardy and bloom in profusion in partial shade or in the sun, but prefer a moist location, and a fairly rich soil. The flowers are of medium size on tall, graceful stems.

Do not plant Siberian Irises in dry or sloping ground. They like moist, but not too wet soil, and should be planted a little deeper than tall bearded Irises; the crowns  $\frac{3}{4}$  inches below surface, and should be watered occasionally during a dry spell.

- BLUE CHARM**—(Sass, 1931). Large, intense blue; tall .....25c
- CAESAR'S BROTHER**—(Morg., 1932). The darkest and best Siberian; black pansy-purple; tall and late blooming .....\$1.00
- DRAGONFLY**—Pale blue standards flushed violet, and rich sky blue falls. 45 inches.....25c
- ENSATA**—(Species). Clear, pale blue, sweetly scented .....25c
- EMPEROR**—Large, fine formed flowers. Deep, rich violet-blue. 50 inches .....25c
- GATINEAU**—(Pres.-Kellogg, 1932). Medium blue in color, and the largest bloom we have seen in this class. 42 inches. H. M., A. I. S., 1933.\$1.00
- GRAMINEA**—(Spuria). Odor of ripe apricots; charming for flower arrangement .....50c
- HYACINTHIANA**—Special. Charming blue and yellow .....50c
- KINGFISHER**—Large, dark blue flowers on stems over 4 feet tall.....35c
- KINGFISHER BLUE**—A bright blue. One of the finest .....25c
- MADAWASKA**—(Pres.-Kellogg, 1932). A fast-growing, medium blue. 38 inches.....50c
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- MISS DODO**—Very large flowers of azure blue, 52 inches .....35c
- NATICK**—(Gage, 1933). A large, beautiful, clear blue of fine form .....50c
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- OPAL BLUE**—(Sturt., 1933). A delightful new Iris of clear sky blue; large flowers on medium stems .....75c
- PEGGY PERRY**—(Per., 1912). Ruffled blue; white center .....30c
- PERIWINKLE**—(Clev., 1929). One of the best dark purples .....50c
- PERRY'S BLUE**—Clear tone of China blue. 48 inches .....25c
- SNOWCREST**—(Gage, 1932). Sib. This is similar in color to Snow Queen, of which it is a seedling, but it is taller and freer flowering. Height 38 inches .....50c
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